

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Adopt Ordinance XXXX to amend Chapter 17.10, Definitions	)	
and Chapter 17.38, Critical Areas	)	
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WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.040 requires Lewis County to plan under and in accordance with the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 requires that comprehensive plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation by each county at a frequency no more than once every year; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36. 70A.130 requires comprehensive plan changes to be considered by the governing body concurrently so the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.040 requires adoption of development regulations consistent with comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2025, the Lewis County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments to Chapter 17.10 Definitions as shown in exhibit A and Chapter 17.38 Critical Areas as shown in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, staff provided notice for public hearings before the Lewis County Planning Commission on the proposed amendments in the manner prescribed in Chapter 17.05 and 17.12 LCC on October 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments shown in Exhibit A and B on November 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated and determined that the proposed the amendments met the intent and requirements of the Growth Management Act, were consistent with the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and Countywide Planning Policies, and were in accordance with the public interest. Planning Commission forwarded a letter of transmittal Exhibit C recommending approval of the amendments with two changes and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2025 the Planning Commission Chair, Frank Corbin signed a Letter of Transmittal recommending approval of the proposed critical areas regulatins with two amendments , as shown in Exhibit A and B; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2025, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) passed Resolution 25-XXXX to hold a public hearing on Ordinance XXXX and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC held duly noticed public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Lewis County code Chapter 17.10 Definitions and Chapter 17.38 Critical Areas; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC agrees with the Lewis County Planning Commission's recommendation, Exhibit C, to approve the Lewis County code Chapter 17.10 Definitions and Chapter 17.38 Critical Areas, and finds the recommendation to be in the best interest of the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC directs staff to amend the Lewis County Development regulations Chapter 17.10 Definitions and Chapter 17.38 Critical Areas, as required by RCW 36.70A.040 which reflects the decisions made in this ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Sean Swope, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner